



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BLACH ET AL. Examiner: G. DAWSON  
Serial No.: 10/087,668 Group Art Unit: 3731  
Filed: MARCH 1, 2002 Docket: 12460.4USC1  
Confirmation No.: 8126  
Due Date: FEBRUARY 18, 2007  
Title: NASAL SUPPORT DEVICE FOR ANIMALS AND METHOD



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Name: Anne Lee

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- Petition for Extension of Time for three months
- Check in the amount of \$510.00 for three month extension of time fee
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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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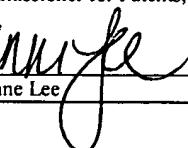
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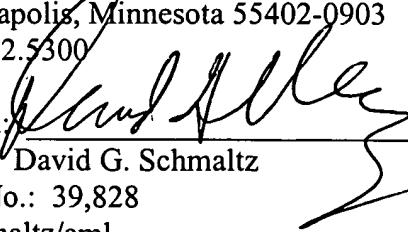
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, said period of response being extended from November 18, 2006 to February 18, 2007.

A check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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